

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
extending a persistent invitation to a first network station client to join an ongoing conference call in response to a determination that the first network station client is unavailable to accept a non-persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call, wherein said extending is performed after the ongoing conference call has begun and comprises,
issuing a token to the first network station client;
detecting an activation of said token by said first network station client; and
adding the first network station client to the ongoing conference call in response to said detecting.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said extending further comprises:
receiving a message indicating that the first network station client is busy.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said extending further comprises:
determining that the first network station client is not responding to the non-persistent invitation to join the conference call within a specified time period.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said token comprises:
at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, wherein said token further comprises a reference used to retrieve state data where such state data functions as at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said detecting comprises: detecting that the first network station client has returned said token to a token processor in indication that the first network station client has accepted the persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising: withdrawing the persistent invitation upon termination of the conference call wherein said withdrawing comprises releasing said token at said first network station client.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 8, wherein said withdrawing further comprises notifying the first network station client that the conference call has been terminated, and said releasing comprises releasing said token at said first network station client in response to said notifying.
10. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 9, wherein said notifying comprises: notifying the first network station client that the conference call has been terminated using a multipoint controller.

11. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:
means for extending a persistent invitation, after an ongoing conference call has begun, to a first network station client to join the ongoing conference call in response to a determination that the first network station client is unavailable to accept a non-persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call, wherein said means for extending comprises,
means for issuing a token to the first network station client;
means for detecting an activation of said token by said first network station client; and
means for adding the first network station client to the ongoing conference call in response to said activation.
12. (Canceled)
13. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 11, wherein said means for extending comprises:
means for receiving a message indicating that the first network station client is busy.
14. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 11, wherein said means for extending comprises:
means for determining that the first network station client is not responding to the non-persistent invitation to join the conference call within a specified time period.
15. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 11, wherein said token comprises at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.
16. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 15, wherein a token further comprises a reference used to retrieve state data where such state data functions as at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.

17. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 11, wherein said means for detecting comprises:
means for detecting that the first network station client has returned said token to a token processor in indication that the first network station client has accepted the persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call.
18. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 11, further comprising:
means for withdrawing the persistent invitation upon termination of the conference call,
wherein said means for withdrawing comprises
means for releasing said token at said first network station client.
19. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 18, wherein
said means for withdrawing further comprises:
means for notifying the first network station client that the conference call has
been terminated, and
said means for releasing comprises means for releasing said token at said first network
station client in response to said notifying.
20. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 19, wherein said means for notifying
comprises a multipoint controller.

21. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium comprising:
a tangible signal bearing medium; and
software code encoded on said signal bearing medium and configured to implement each
of:
extending a persistent invitation to a first network station client to join an ongoing
conference call in response to a determination that the first network station
client is unavailable to accept a non-persistent invitation to join the
ongoing conference call, wherein said extending is performed after the
ongoing conference call has begun and comprises issuing a token to the
first network station client,
detecting an activation of said token by said first network station client, and
adding the first network station client to the ongoing conference call in response
to said detecting.
22. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 21, wherein said signal
bearing medium comprises recordable media.
23. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 21, wherein said
software code is further configured to implement:
withdrawing the persistent invitation upon termination of the conference call wherein
said withdrawing comprises
releasing said token at said first network station client.

24. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
receiving at an initially unavailable network station client a persistent invitation to join an ongoing conference call, wherein said receiving occurs after the ongoing conference call has begun and comprises,
receiving a token indicative of said persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call at said initially unavailable network station client;
activating the token in response to user input to a network station client selected from the group comprising the initially unavailable network station client and another network station client; and
adding the network station client to the ongoing conference call in response to said activating.
25. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 24, wherein said token comprises at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.
26. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 25, wherein said token further comprises:
a reference used to retrieve state data where such state data functions as at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.
27. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 25, further comprising:
presenting an alert that the persistent invitation to join the conference call has been received, wherein said presenting comprises, presenting at least one visual alert from the group comprising a Graphical User Interface icon, a conference call Camp-On LED indicator, and a conference call Camp-On email message.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 25, further comprising:
presenting an alert that the persistent invitation to join the conference call has been
received, wherein said presenting comprises, presenting an auditory alert selected
from the group comprising a notification via a network station speaker, a voice-
mail conference call Camp-On message, or a conference call Camp-On pager
notification.
29. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 24, wherein said activating comprises:
accepting user input indicating that the persistent invitation to join the ongoing
conference call has been accepted; and
transmitting said token to a multipoint controller as an indication that the persistent
invitation to join the ongoing conference call has been accepted.
30. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 29, wherein the token further comprises:
identification of a transmitting user as a valid participant in the ongoing conference call.
31. (Canceled)
32. (Canceled)
33. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 29, wherein said transmitting comprises
retrieving the token from a cache.
34. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 33, wherein said retrieving comprises
retrieving the token from a cache local to an invited network station client.
35. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 33, wherein said retrieving comprises
retrieving the token from a cache local to a network server.
36. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 24, further comprising:
withdrawing an ability to activate the token in response to a notification that the
conference call has terminated.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 36, wherein said withdrawing comprises withdrawing a presented notice that the persistent invitation to join the conference call has been extended.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:
means for receiving at an initially unavailable network station client, after an ongoing conference call has begun, a persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call, wherein said means for receiving comprises,
means for receiving a token indicative of said persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call;
means for activating the token in response to user input to a network station client selected from the group comprising the initially unavailable network station client and another network station client; and
means for adding the network station client to the ongoing conference call in response to an activation of said token.

40. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 39, wherein said token comprises at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.

41. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 40, wherein said token comprises a reference used to retrieve state data where such state data functions as at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.

42. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 40, further comprising:
means for presenting an alert that the persistent invitation to join the conference call has
been received wherein said means for presenting comprises:
means for presenting at least one visual alert from the group comprising a
Graphical User Interface icon, a conference call Camp-On LED indicator,
and a conference call Camp-On email message.
43. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 40, further comprising:
means for presenting an alert that the persistent invitation to join the conference call has
been received wherein said means for presenting comprises:
means for presenting an auditory alert selected from the group comprising a
notification via a network station speaker, a voice-mail conference call
Camp-On message, or a conference call Camp-On pager notification.
44. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 39, wherein said means for activating
comprises:
means for accepting user input indicating that the persistent invitation to join the ongoing
conference call has been accepted; and
means for transmitting said token to a multipoint controller as an indication that the
persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call has been accepted.
45. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 44, wherein the token further comprises
identification of a transmitting user as a valid participant in the ongoing conference call.
46. (Canceled)
47. (Canceled)
48. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 44, wherein said means for transmitting
comprises means for retrieving the token from a cache.

49. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 48, wherein said means for retrieving comprises means for retrieving the token from a cache local to an invited network station client.
50. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 48, wherein said means for retrieving comprises the token from a cache further includes:
means for retrieving the token from a cache local to a network server.
51. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 39, further comprising:
means for withdrawing an ability to activate the token in response to a notification that the conference call has terminated.
52. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 51, wherein said means for withdrawing comprises means for withdrawing a presented notice that the persistent invitation to join the conference call has been extended.
53. (Canceled)
54. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium comprising:
a tangible signal bearing medium; and
software code encoded on said signal bearing medium and configured to implement each of:
receiving at an initially unavailable network station client a persistent invitation to join an ongoing conference call, wherein said receiving occurs after the ongoing conference call has begun and comprises receiving a token indicative of said persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call at said initially unavailable network station client,
activating the token in response to user input to a network station client selected from the group comprising the initially unavailable network station client and another network station client, and
adding the network station client to the ongoing conference call in response to said activating.

55. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 54, wherein said signal bearing medium comprises recordable media.
56. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 54, wherein said signal bearing medium comprises transmission media.
57. (New) The method of Claim 3, further comprising:
extending the non-persistent invitation to the first network station client to join the ongoing conference call;
wherein the receiving the message occurs in response to the non-persistent invitation, and the extending the persistent invitation is performed in response to the receiving the message.
58. (New) The system of Claim 13, further comprising:
means for extending the non-persistent invitation to the first network station client to join the ongoing conference call;
wherein the message occurs in response to the non-persistent invitation, and the means for extending the persistent invitation is responsive to the receiving the message.
59. (New) The computer-readable medium of Claim 21, wherein the software code is further configured to implement each of:
extending the non-persistent invitation to the first network station client to join the ongoing conference call; and
receiving, in response to the non-persistent invitation, a message indicating that the first network station client is busy;
wherein the extending the persistent invitation is performed in response to the receiving the message.